

## Encounter Form

The Encounter Form was designed to give investigators a method for associating the encounter number with the particular assessments specified in the research protocol. Without this information, there would be no easy way of noting at which assessment point the assessment data were collected. The Encounter Form also allows data managers to create “virtual” data sets consisting of subjects from multiple studies for whom a particular measure can be represented by a single administration of that measure in any of those studies. For example, information obtained with the SCID in a single study can be used as the “SCID assessment” in any number of virtual data sets. In addition to creating numerous analytical possibilities, Encounter Forms have a practical application in that a participant enrolled in multiple studies using one or more common assessment instruments need only be administered the shared instruments once. The Encounter Form is available [here](#).